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Applicants : Steve Hanks and Daniel Spils
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INTEREST

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Washington, DC 20231

ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 AND 3.73

AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment filed concurrently herewith, a copy of which is enclosed, hereby elects under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventors.

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of Perkins Coie LLP, as the principal attorneys with full power of substitution, association, and revocation to prosecute said application, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and to receive the letters patent therefor. Please direct all correspondence to Customer Number 25096.

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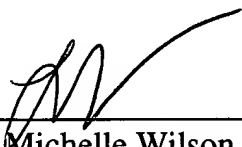
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned duly authorized designee of Assignee certifies that the evidentiary documents have been reviewed, specifically the Assignment to Amazon.com, Inc. filed concurrently herewith for recording, a copy of which is attached hereto, and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee.

Amazon.com, Inc.

May 14, 2001
Date


L. Michelle Wilson
Vice President and General Counsel

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Enclosure:

Copy of Assignment

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Steve Hanks and Daniel Spils ("ASSIGNORS"), having post office addresses of 616 NW 70th Street, Seattle, Washington 98117; and 902 18th Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98122, respectively, are the joint inventors of an invention entitled "INCREASES IN SALES RANK AS A MEASURE OF INTEREST," as described and claimed in the specification for which an application for United States letters patent was filed on March 15, 2001 and assigned Application No. 09/809,728.

WHEREAS, Amazon.com, Inc. ("ASSIGNEE"), a corporation of the State of Delaware having a place of business at 1200 12th Avenue South, Seattle, Washington 98144, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to the invention and in and to any patents that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto ASSIGNEE, its legal representatives, successors, and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention as set forth in the above-mentioned application, including any continuations, continuations-in-part, divisions, reissues, re-examinations, or extensions thereof, any other inventions described in the application, and any and all patents of the United States of America and all foreign countries that may be issued for the invention, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from the United States application to which foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, the invention, application and all patents on the invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns for their use and benefit and of their successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNORS had this assignment, transfer, and sale not been made.

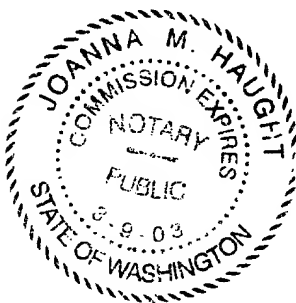
UPON THE ABOVE-STATED CONSIDERATIONS, ASSIGNORS agree to not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with this assignment, and at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration but at the expense of ASSIGNEE, execute all instruments and documents and do such additional acts as ASSIGNEE may deem necessary or desirable to perfect ASSIGNEE's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance required for the making and prosecution of applications for United States and foreign patents on the invention, for litigation regarding the patents, or for the purpose of protecting title to the invention or patents therefor.

ASSIGNORS authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Patent of the United States that may be issued for the invention to ASSIGNEE.

5/11/01 Steve Hanks
Date Steve Hanks

State of Washington)
County of King) ss.

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Steve Hanks is the person who appeared before me, and the person acknowledged that he signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.



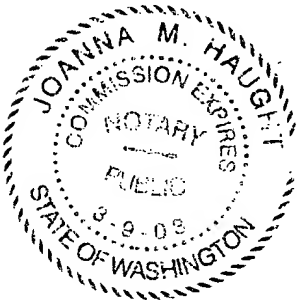
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Signature of Notary Public Joanna M. Haught
Printed Name Joanna M. Haught
My appointment expires 3-9-03

5/14/01
Date

Daniel Spils
Daniel Spils

State of Washington)
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I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Daniel Spils is the person who appeared before me, and the person acknowledged that he signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.



Dated 5/14/01

Signature of Joanna M. Haught
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Printed Name Joanna M. Haught

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